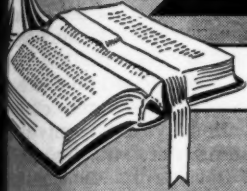
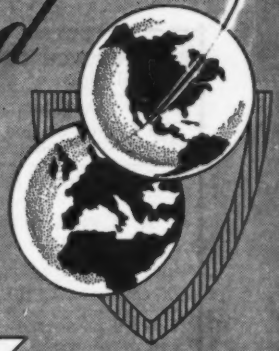


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ADVANCE, CHURCH OF GOD

Advance, O Church of God, advance!
Our banner be unfurled;
Our sovereignty unites
The kingdoms of this world.

Advance, O Church of God, advance!

The world can never be
Mankind, in search for
Truce,
Till only love sets free.

Advance, O Church of God, advance!

We dare not longer wait
To share our Christ with all the
World.

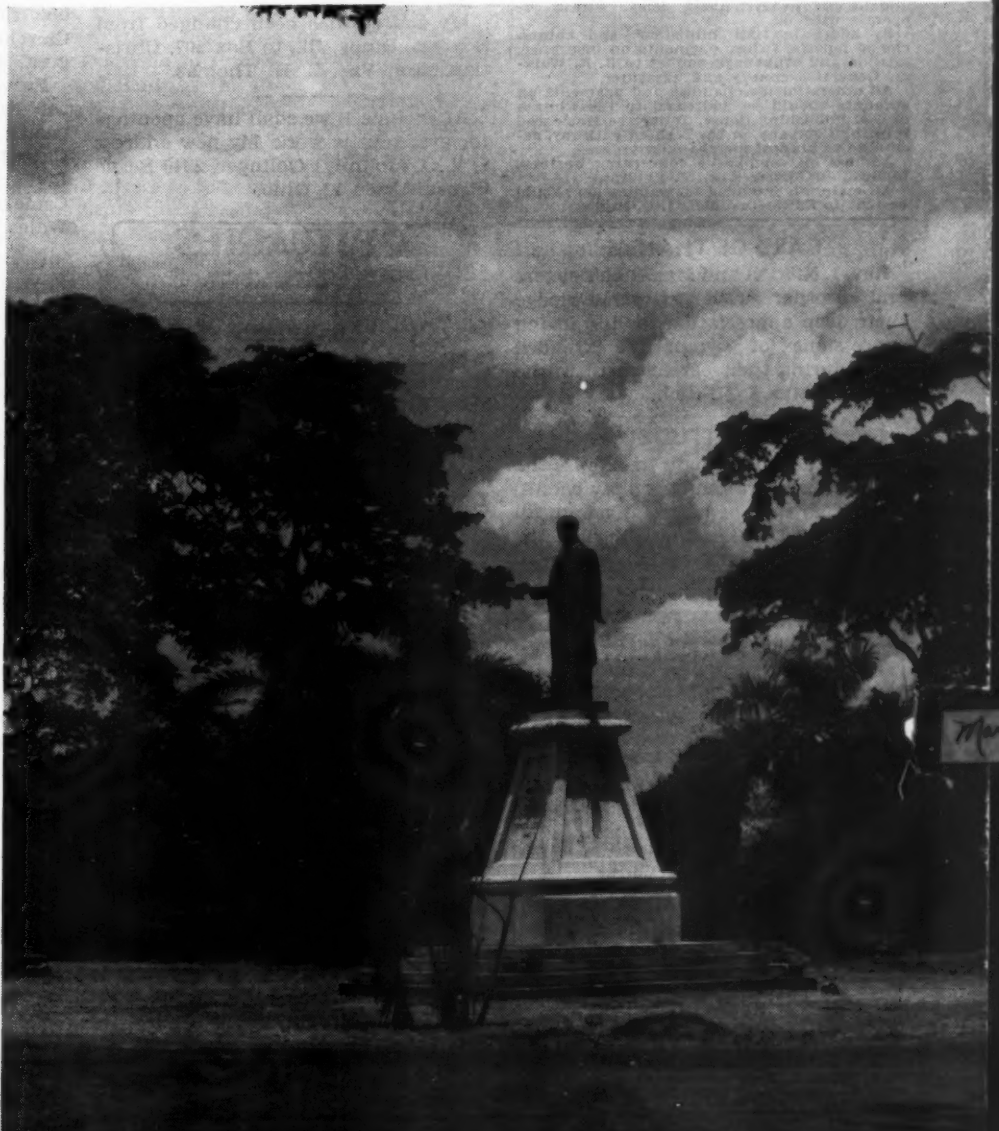
It is already late!

Times in which our lives are
Tried

As a chastening rod.
World, confused and chang-

ing, calls;
Advance, O Church of God!

—By Garland Evans Hopkins.



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Rev. I. N. Rich and Mrs. Rich's sisters and brother wish to acknowledge their deep appreciation for the loving expressions of sympathy extended them during their bereavement in the death of Mrs. I. N. Rich.

GRATITUDE

Words are inadequate to express the deep and sincere thanks on my behalf, as well as that of my relatives, to all who showed us kindness during the sickness and death of my mother.—Your servant, J. D. Bright.

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Fitzgerald (Ga.) High School

MARCH 26

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Chorister: LeRoy Carver
Speaker: Earl P. Paulk, Jr.

80 churches cooperating.

Ralph E. Day, State Youth Director,
Georgia

NOTICES

I am open for calls in evangelistic work.—Chester Lingerfelt, La Follette, Tenn.

I am open for calls in evangelistic work. I have been preaching the gospel for a long time.—W. B. Vance, Shell Creek, Tenn.

Our address has been changed from Seven East Crosier Street, Akron, Ohio, to 139 West Summit Street, Kent, Ohio.—B. F. Sprague.

Mr. Bob Tharp, please write to Rev. J. A. Belt, 22 Seyle Street, Greenville, S. C.

I should like to hear from the Bell Trio. When last heard of they were in Birmingham, Ala.—Mrs. Carl Lewis Brooks, 1054 South Church Street, Cleveland, Tenn.

My address has been changed from Box 125, Olney, Ill., to Box 507, Christiansburg, Va.—E. H. Thomas.

After June 1, we shall have openings for evangelistic work. My new address is V. O. (Johnny) Oplinger, 2840 Berne Street, Akron 12, Ohio.

OBITUARIES

"Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints," Ps. 116:15.

BARFIELD

Mrs. Mary Barfield departed this life February 18, 1949, at the age of sixty-seven. Sister Barfield had suffered untold pain for the last several months, but she always had a praise for the Lord. She was a member of the Church of God in Manatee, Fla.

Sister Barfield left behind a husband, two daughters, six sons, and a host of friends.—Her pastor, W. O. Crews.

SHEPHERD

Sister Susan Shepherd, wife of the Reverend David L. Shepherd, pastor of the Church of God at Thornton, Ky., departed this life January 29, 1949. Sister Shepherd lived a devoted Christian life. She suffered for several years with asthma and for the past three or four months was confined to her bed, but she bore all her suffering with patience and always had a smile for everyone. Her daily life was her best testimony. Our sympathy goes out to Brother Shepherd and the children but we know that their loss is heaven's gain. Funeral services were held at the Church of

God at Cumberland, conducted the Reverend J. T. Pitts and the Reverend Sam Holcomb. Sister Shepherd became a Christian when a young girl and came into the Church of God about eighteen years ago. Her husband has been a minister in the church for several years.—Mrs. Belvia B.

MILLION

A. L. (Fate) Million, eighty-two years of age, passed away at his home in Cleveland, Tenn., February 18. Brother Million was a devout member of the North Cleveland Church of God for thirty-five years and served as faithful deacon there for many years. He is survived by his wife, Mrs. Lillian Million, who has worked in the sales department of the Church of God Publishing House for twenty-three years; one daughter, Mrs. Inez Douglas, wife of Rev. George Douglas, and one son, Ernest L. Million, both of Cleveland; six grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted at the North Cleveland church by the pastor, Rev. R. C. Cook, assisted by the Church of God General Secretary, Rev. R. R. Walker. Burial was in Fort Hill Cemetery, Cleveland, Tenn.—Irma Wales.

SIMPSON

The death angel came to the home of Brother and Sister L. Simpson, of Chapel Hill, Tennessee, and claimed their baby girl, Judith Ann, age fourteen months and nineteen days. She will be greatly missed.—Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Cochran.

MEAD

Mrs. Rosetta Mead, age sixty-five, a faithful member of the Church of God at Pittsburg, Kansas, went home to be with Jesus January 31, 1949. The Church of God has presented one more of its children safely home to our Maker. The funeral was conducted by the pastor, assisted by Rev. W. E. Dowdy, state overseer of Kansas, and Rev. A. W. Hall, state youth director.—J. R. Berry, Pastor.

HELTON

Pvt. Lewis Helton lost his life January 19, 1945, in the invasion of Luzon Island in the Philippines. The body arrived in Glade Spring, Va., February 16, 1949, and was taken to the home of his mother Mrs. Mary N. Helton. The funeral was conducted at the Church of God at Plasterco by Rev. H. D. Morris, evangelist, assisted by Rev. Paul Carpenter.—Mrs. Mary N. Helton.



EDITORIALS

C. C. P.

That there is a three-way war on between Communism, Catholicism, and Protestantism cannot be disputed. The vicious persecution, trial, and sentence passed by the Communists in Hungary on Cardinal Mindszenty was their open declaration of war on Catholicism, while their arrest, persecution, and trial of fifteen Protestant ministers, one Pentecostal, in Bulgaria, was an equal declaration of their hatred for and war against Protestantism. An analysis of this diabolical circumstance shows the situation to be more complex and confusing, since it is easily deduced that Communists hate both Catholics and Protestants, and that Catholics on the other hand have always hated Protestants and certainly they hold no love for us now. As proof of the latter, one need only to be reminded that in Italy under the Concordat, which the Pope signed with Mussolini and which is still in force, Protestants are constantly discriminated against, and are not given equal legal and marital status with Roman Catholics. Converts to Protestantism are often shamefully mistreated, and, in the instance of priests who leave the Church, are practically barred from public employment.

In Spain, Protestants are looked upon as outcasts. Full religious liberty is unknown, and it is a crime to give out religious tracts and Scriptures. Protestants are discriminated against when seeking employment. They are also denied the right to open new meeting places or to gather in private homes for worship. Their places of worship have frequently been violated.

In Mexico and certain South American countries, infuriated mobs, led by the leaders of the Roman Catholic Church, have on occasions, stormed Protestant churches and missions and done violence to the workers, converts, and the buildings.

In the light of this factual information, even though we Protestants are ready to stand side by side with the Catholics in defending religious freedom, we would at the same time, inform the four hundred million Catholics throughout the world that we hold their attitude toward us as being, in many respects, as intolerable as that of the Communists. In fact, we feel that if the Roman Catholic Church wishes to enjoy freedom to propagate its views in Communist-controlled Hungary, it should be willing to grant Protestants and others equal rights in countries under Roman Catholic domination. This it has not done. No group is more adverse to Communism nor, as for that, Catholicism, also, than those standing true to the historic Protestant faith. Yet, regardless of religious persuasion, the sympathies of all liberty-loving people are assuredly with the Cardinal, as well as our fifteen Protestant brethren in Bulgaria, because of the injustice and abuses they have suffered at the brutal hand of Communism. We are especially shocked to the depths of our souls over the death sentence of four. This indeed is a time to think, as well as watch and pray; and may God help us in this, one of the most critical crises in the history of Christendom.

The largest room in the world is the room for improvement.

GENERAL PERSHING FAVORED PROHIBITION

During World War I, America's top-ranking army officer, General John J. Pershing, said,

"Banish the entire liquor industry from the United States; close every saloon and brewery; suppress drinking by severe punishment to the drinker; and, if necessary, death to the seller and maker, as traitors, and the nation will suddenly find itself amazed at its efficiency and startled at the increase in its labor supply. I shall not go slow on prohibition, for I know what is the greatest foe of my men, greater than the bullets of the enemy."

MINISTERS MUST REPORT

The General Assembly has ruled that all ministers must report to the general office and to the state overseer monthly. I refer you to page 198 of the 1948 Minutes.

"We recommend that when a minister fails to report to headquarters and the state overseer for three months, that he be admonished by the state overseer, and if he fails to report for six months that his license be revoked."—33 A., P. 49.

Ministers who do not report or who are not actively engaged in preaching and other ministerial work for as much as six months, provided such inactivity is not caused by illness, or age, shall have their ministry revoked."—35th A., P. 35.

A memorial should be built to the fools who didn't know it couldn't be done, then went ahead and did it.

MOVEMENTS TO WATCH

In many sections of the country movements are being launched to prohibit the possession of pistols and to follow strict registration of all rifles and shotguns owned by private citizens.

The movement is supposedly an effort to cut violence and crime but is very shortsighted and dangerous if put into practice.

Backers of this type of legislation claim that it would keep criminal elements from possessing firearms but do not take into account that only law-abiding citizens would submit to the law and the criminals would keep their weapons in violation of the law.

A far greater danger exists in disarming the citizenry or making it compulsory to register all firearms. If at any time the Communists attempt violent revolution (communists recognize no law but those favorable to themselves and are schooled in the use of firearms, explosives, incendiaries, etc.), there would be no means by which patriotic home-loving people could resist or even defend themselves. Registration files would be quickly taken by the revolutionaries and by using these they could systematically take into possession all arms and ammunition. A disarmed populace would be at their mercy and they have none.

The right to own and bear arms is Constitutional and traditional in America and is a right we must fight to maintain.—*Western Voice*.

Just remember, all sunshine will soon make a desert.

Oh, Praise the Lord

CHANCELLOR, Ala.—I promised the Lord that if He would heal me that I would testify through the *Evangel*. And He has wonderfully healed me for which I give Him all the praise. He is precious to me and to my family. Pray for my husband and me that we might do His will and rear our children for His glory.—Mrs. Herman Broxson.

CALHOUN, Ga.—I thank God for what He has done for me. One month ago I fell and broke my hip. The doctor said the cap was knocked off the hip joint, and the bone was fractured all the way around. It was four days before they could get a bone specialist to come to set it. I suffered terribly the first night and most of the next day. I kept praying, begging Jesus to give me ease, and others were praying too. On the second day I got perfectly easy, and the soreness left my leg. I knew the Lord had healed me. The specialist came and made another picture and said I did not need an operation. He said I had set the bones myself better than they could do it, but I told them that the Lord had done it. The doctors were all amazed, and said they had never seen anything like it. They said if they had not seen the first picture they would not believe it had been broken. This gave me an opportunity to testify to the healing power of our blessed Lord. I have been a member of the Church of God for thirty years, and this is the most definite healing I have ever experienced. Please pray that I will keep the faith and trust Him to the end.—Mrs. W. W. DeFoon.

LEWISTOWN, Mont.—I am praising the Lord for healing me of high blood pressure, arthritis, and heart trouble. I don't believe I could have lived if the Lord had not come on the scene. Brother Oral Roberts was in a tent meeting at Minneapolis, Minn. He prayed for me and the Lord healed my body, for which I am giving the Lord all the praise.—Mrs. Eaton.

ALABAMA CITY, Ala.—I praise God for the joy of full salvation. It is so sweet to know you are a child of the King. It seems that everyone would

want this glorious blessing. I praise God for the love of God that gives joy, peace, and comfort. We are so glad God sent us Brother and Sister Leonard Hayes for our pastor at Tabor. Our tithes at Tabor for November was over \$70, the most it has ever been.—Mrs. Bessie Wood.

I thank God this morning because I know He still hears and answers prayer. Our twenty-seven-month-old baby was operated on for appendicitis on Thursday, November 4, and on Friday she looked like death was on her. I went out of the room and prayed and told the Lord if He would spare her life I would write to the *Evangel*. At about eight o'clock that night she was better. Thank the Lord for an answer to prayer.—Mrs. Allen Fitzgerald.

BOSTON, Ga.—I praise my Lord for His wonderful healing power. Tonight, while in an altar service, my mother became seriously ill. It seemed that death was at the door. We began praying for her, but it seemed to no avail. I knew God was able so we continued to pray, and Mother is much better although weak. I know God brought her through. Pray for us that we will stay in the will of God at all times.—Juanita Jordan.

ERWIN, W. Va.—On July 25, 1940, I fell off a lumber pile eleven feet high, hitting my forehead on rocks. I called the doctor and he said my neck had been stove in and that it would be all right in a few days. We were in a revival at White Ridge and the power was falling. They began praying for me in one accord, and I went to work on Monday morning feeling good all the time. I attended the revival every night. In September I began to lose weight. I would forget anything I started to do, and sometimes would be blind. I went to the hospital to be examined and they found that my neck was broken in two places. They put a cast on my neck and I wore it for four months. The doctor told me when he took the cast off he was going to put a permanent brace on my shoulders and I

would have to wear it all my life. But I knew the Lord would heal me, and He did. I now work on a carriage at an eight-foot bandmill, and I am telling others about this wonderful Saviour.—Vernice Summerfield.

WALTERSVILLE, Ky.—I praise God today for His great love and power and because His love reached me, when I was lost. It means much to me to realize today that I have been redeemed by His blood, praise His name! I intend to work for Him live above sin, and hold the blood-stained banner high for His name's sake. I have three children in sin. Pray for them that they may be saved.—Minnie Lee Lairson.

LAKELAND, Fla.—I praise the Lord for giving me the Holy Ghost and for healing me so many times. About ten years ago He healed me of an ailment condition which made me so weak I could hardly walk over one or two blocks without resting. Praise God for our wonderful Saviour we have to serve. Pray for me to live a life that is pleasing to my Lord.—Mrs. Lovell King.

GREENVILLE, S. C.—I want to praise God for His goodness to me for the way He took care of my husband when he was in a terrible wreck also, for healing my baby when she was sick.—Mrs. Euline Hamilton.

EAGLE, Mich.—I thank and praise our dear Lord for healing me of tuberculosis. The doctor said I must enter a sanitarium as soon as possible and lay flat on my back twenty-four hours a day for about six months. But the good and faithful Christians were praying for me and had faith that God was going to heal me. I had three X-rays made at that time and all three showed infection, but I kept on praying. Just before my last X-ray was taken, which was my fourth, I was prayed for and anointed with oil again. I felt the touch of our Saviour's hand on my body. Two weeks later the doctor received the report of my X-ray and the infection was gone. Praise the Lord forever more! The doctor was surprised and said, "Well, we will take another X-ray in four months," but praise God I know I'm healed. I hope this testimony will be an encouragement to someone who is sick or afflicted.—Mrs. Neva Reddin.

Foreign Missions

All the World—
Every Creature



Executive Missions Secretary
J. H. WALKER

PEOPLE HUNGRY FOR THE TRUTH IN GERMANY

Berlita School of Languages
Basel, Switzerland

Dear Editor:

Recently, I have made a tour of Germany, and we had the privilege of staying with one of your missionaries, Mr. Herman J. Lauster in Schorndorf. Without exaggeration, I can truly say he is doing a mighty work for the Lord. There are about twenty works in the vicinity, and a new church is under construction which will be used as a Bible Training School to send out workers. The young people of Brother

Lauster's church are on fire for the Lord, and every village they go into is shaken with the mighty power of the Holy Ghost.

In Germany, the people are truly hungry for the truth. I preached in about six different meetings throughout the land, only to find that the people wanted more. My stay was over the Christmas and New Year's holidays, and I trust to return soon, with the help of the Lord. There is much to be done now, while we have time, while it is yet day, for the night cometh when no man can work.

The Holy Spirit is blessing Brother

Lauster and his efforts for the kingdom of God. He has the true fire, the true power, and true manifestations in his meetings. My spirit was greatly revived during the few days I spent with him at his home, and the wonderful times we had at his meetings will never be forgotten. My prayer is that God will continue to bless and provide in this land of destruction and want. Let us back Brother Lauster with our prayers and provisions, as he feeds the flock of God here in Germany.

I am studying the German language here in preparation for missionary service in Germany soon.

Jack Albanese,
Assembly of God,
Montana District, U. S. A.

BLESSINGS IN GERMANY

Herman Lauster, of the Church of God, reports over a thousand members in twenty groups. Two lovely new churches are almost completed. One in Krewindell, near Stuttgart, is equipped with full basement and living quarters above the auditorium. It will house the new Bible School which will open soon.

New Memorial Church in Germany



Here are two views of the first of several memorial churches being erected in Germany.

Reverend Herman Lauster, who visited us last year at the International General Assembly, returned and immediately set out to build the buildings which are so badly needed here.

HAS YOUR CHURCH SPONSORED ONE OF THESE BUILDINGS?

God is blessing! Numbers have recently been led to God, and are enthusiastically working with Brother Lauster in this great work.

Brother R. R. Seyda, who has arrived, is putting his whole heart into the work, and we anticipate some very interesting reports from this field.

Frankly, brethren, there is such a great need in every one of our mission fields, that at times I hardly know where the most deserving is; but you can rest assured that wherever we spend a mission dollar, it brings many times greater returns in souls.

Please, ministers, keep missions before our people. There are calls far and near, "Come over into Macedonia and help us."

He That Is Thirsty Let Him Come and Drink From the Fountain of God

By Rev. James N. Kelley

"Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price," Isaiah 55:1.

I want you to notice that you don't have to have money to get this salvation. Everything the devil has for momentary pleasure you have to buy, but it still doesn't satisfy your soul, for the world has nothing for your soul. You will have to come to God to get your soul fed. Christ paid the price nearly two thousand years ago, so if you wanted to buy it you couldn't, for there is nothing on earth to pay for it. There was only one thing in heaven that could redeem the soul of man. "For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life," John 3:16.

My friend, if you haven't accepted God, your soul is perishing. If you will only believe on Him, your soul will never perish. You can go in and out

and find food for your soul. If your soul gets hungry, you can do as Isaiah 55 says; "Ho, every one that thirsteth, come ye to the waters, and he that hath no money; come ye, buy, and eat; yea, come, buy wine and milk without money and without price."

Some people spend their money for worldly pleasures, such as theatres, ball games, dances, etc., but those things don't satisfy their souls. I had this experience myself. I would go from one worldly entertainment to another, but never could get satisfied. Isaiah 55:2-4 says, "Wherefore do ye spend money for that which is not bread? and your labour for that which satisfieth not? hearken diligently unto me, and eat ye that which is good, and let your soul delight itself in fatness. Incline your ear, and come unto me: hear, and your soul shall live; and I will make an everlasting covenant with you, even the sure mercies of David. Behold, I have given him for a witness to the people, a leader and commander to the people." God is wanting to make a covenant with you but He is wanting it unconditional. What I mean by that is not to try to

hold to God and the world also.

"And the Spirit and the bride say, Come. And let him that heareth say, Come. And let him that is athirst come. And whosoever will, let him take the water of life freely," Rev. 22:17. Everyone has an invitation. You have no excuse because Christ has already paid the price and you have heard the Word. If you go to hell it will be your fault.

"Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled," Matt. 5:6. When Jesus was talking to the Samaritan woman He said, "But whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life," John 4:14. Isn't it wonderful that we can have life through this water that Jesus gave unto them that ask of Him. When Christians and people get to partaking of worldly pleasures, they must have another drink from the fountain of God. I hope and pray that this message will help saints as well as the sinners and will help bring someone to God.

Christ's Kingdom on Earth

By A. C. SUMNER

Daniel 7:27, "And the kingdom and dominion, and the greatness of the kingdom under the whole heaven, shall be given to the people of the saints of the most High, whose kingdom is an everlasting kingdom, and all dominions shall serve and obey him."

These words were spoken by Daniel the prophet, which were revealed to him from the Lord. So many people have the wrong idea about the kingdom of Christ. Many people will tell you that when they go to heaven they will be up there forever, never to come back, but there is plenty of scripture to prove the saints will live on earth. In Matt. 5:5, Jesus said, "Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth." In Isa. 65:21 we are told that "they shall build houses, and inhabit

them; and they shall plant vineyards, and eat the fruit of them." This will take place during the thousand-year reign on earth in this great kingdom. Isaiah tells us also that "the wolf and the lamb shall feed together, and the lion shall eat straw like the bullock." God will change the nature of the animals and all other things on earth. The Bible tells us that in this kingdom a weaned child shall put his hand on the cockatrice' den (now this is a poisonous reptile), but Isaiah 65:25 tells us "dust shall be the serpent's meat." "They shall not hurt nor destroy in all my holy mountain," saith the Lord. God shall take away the nature of these wild animals. Anyone can be around them without any fear of them.

Isaiah 25:8 tells us that "the Lord

God will wipe away tears from off all faces; and the rebuke of his people shall he take away from off all the earth." The saints of God are suffering many rebukes and scorns. The Bible tells us that those who live Godly for Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution, but thanks be to God, in this glorious kingdom there will never be such a thing as that, for the wicked shall come to their end. Malachi 4:1, "The day cometh, that shall burn as an oven; and all the proud, yea, and all that do wickedly, shall be stubble: and the day that cometh shall burn them up, saith the Lord of hosts, it shall leave them neither root nor branch." We can see that in this glorious kingdom we will not have any wicked people, no one but holy people.

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State Activities . . .

MISSOURI L. W. W. B.

Dear Willing Workers:

I have received several encouraging reports, and I know you sisters are really working and doing all the good you can. Surely the Lord is blessing your work too.

We had some report cards printed the first of January but, unfortunately, we did not get them sent to you. However, by the time you read this probably you will have received the cards. If not, please write me.

Fill this card out the first of each month, put a one cent stamp on it; and mail it to me. By your doing this you can keep your reports a little more accurate. Where the card has "remarks," please put the amount your church has made since the last General Assembly. Where it has "chapters read," if you will get your sisters to keep account of the chapters they read each month, and then put the grand total on the report cards, I believe it will encourage us to read our Bibles more each month.

Oh yes, I surely want to **THANK** the Ladies Willing Workers from the North St. Joseph church for that nice gift. Oh, I appreciate it so very much! Thank you, and may God bless you all.—Mrs. W. H. Henry, State President.

THINGS HAPPENING IN ALABAMA

We are rejoicing over the good reports we are having throughout the state. There are many outstanding revivals, especially since the prayer conference. Churches are being re-edified and many souls are becoming concerned about where they will spend eternity.

According to the ministers' reports, since the General Assembly 2,537 have been converted, 1,335 sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost, with additions to the Church. Of course, we have lost some members, but we have made a net increase of 577 members since the General Assembly. Eight new churches have been organized, with a prospect of several others being organized in the near future.

Our ministers are really on the job, with pastors and evangelists. Every-

one seems to have a great zeal to do more for God. I understand there are quite a few revivals going, but I do not have an accurate report on them.—W. E. Johnson, State Overseer, *Alabama Echoes*.

GREAT REVIVAL AT ALTON PARK, TENN., CHURCH

We are in the greatest revival in the history of the Alton Park Church of God. Rev. H. G. Mushegan is the evangelist, and he and his good wife have won a place in the hearts of all the people of Chattanooga. He is a wonderful evangelist.

There have been 104 saved, 70 sanctified, 45 filled with the Holy Ghost. We have received 20 into the church and others are coming in at the next opportunity. Twenty-five are to follow Christ in water baptism. The people are stirred for God. The building is filled every night and many nights all can't get inside for the service.

Every department of the church here at Alton Park is on the move for God. Our Sunday School has averaged 477 for the month of January.

Alton Park is sponsoring a new church building in a new field. The lot has been purchased at the cost of \$1,800, which is already paid. The building is under construction, and all the material thus far has been paid for. Pray for us as we do our best for God and His Church.—John D. Smith, Pastor.—*Tennessee Tidings*.

MINISTER'S PRAYER CONFERENCE

Convened at the Worcester church February 11 and 12, with many of the ministers from far and near present to help make the service a great blessing for one and all.

Brothers Volkman, Paul Hardy, Nance, and Gould, and Sister Camp, Jewell, and I made up a carload from Portland, Belfast, and Augusta.

Brothers Buker, Larson, Seamans, Foren, and another dear brother, with Earl, my son, and his wife and baby were there from New Britton, Conn. We had no special program laid out, so different ones spoke as the Lord

laid it upon their hearts. God blessed in a wonderful way.

Brothers Staub, the local pastor, had everything arranged so we were all taken care of royally. We wish to thank you good people from Worcester for your kindness in feeding the visitors and giving them a fine place to sleep. We all feel greatly refreshed after being in the wonderful fellowship with the Lord and all the good people.—*The New England Messenger*, J. B. Camp, State Overseer.

HOT OFF THE WIRE

We are in the ninth night of a landslide revival at Woodside Avenue Church of God, Greenville, S. C., with Roland Verrico as evangelist. Already fifty-six have been saved, thirty sanctified, nineteen baptized with the Holy Ghost and twenty-six added to the church. More news to follow at close of revival.—O. B. Graham, Pastor.

Rev. Harry Mushegan, wife, and little daughter just closed a six weeks' evangelistic campaign here at Fort Mill, S. C., with 115 saved, eighty-five sanctified, forty-seven baptized with the Holy Ghost, and eighty-eight added to the church. There was unusual interest and attendance throughout the meeting. In a number of instances entire families were saved and came into the church. Outstanding restitutions were made that stirred the community to righteous thinking. Our Sunday School attendance reached its highest peak, with 441, exceeding the attendance of 425 on the opening day in our new church building. Two years ago our average attendance was ninety; now our average attendance is 367. The eighty-eight new additions to our membership gives us an increase from 102, three years ago, to 256. We were not only blessed spiritually, but materially, also, in that we were able to install \$4,000 worth of furniture—pews and pulpit. God be praised for His manifold blessings upon us.—C. R. Spain, Pastor.

First district convention very successful. More than 300 per cent increase in mission offering.—John L. Byrd, State Overseer of Mississippi.

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2 Tim. 4:5, "But watch thou in all things, endure afflictions, do the work of an evangelist, make full proof of thy ministry."

These were among Paul's last words to Timothy. Note verses 6-8. There is a great need in the Church today for real God-given evangelists. Matt. 9:36-38, "But when he saw the multitudes, he was moved with compassion on them, because they fainted, and were scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd. Then saith he unto his disciples, The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest." We need tenderhearted, God-fearing, anointed men, who have a vision of the lost on their way to hell; men who can cry because people are in sin; men who are willing to humble themselves and preach the simple story of Jesus, the cross, and His resurrection.

An evangelist is not an inferior official of the Church, nor does he necessarily have to be a beginner or just someone who cannot pastor a church. He is a God-given messenger of good news, a trail blazer, a pioneer.

Jesus did the work and had the real spirit of an evangelist. Matt. 9:35, "And Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people." Luke 4:18, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath

The Work of an Evangelist

By A. V. Beaube, State Overseer of Tennessee

anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives, and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised." Luke 19:10, "For the Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost."

John 4:7-15, "There cometh a woman of Samaria to draw water; Jesus saith unto her, Give me to drink. (For his disciples were gone away unto the city to buy meat.) Then saith the woman of Samaria unto him, How is it that thou, being a Jew, askest drink of me, which am a woman of Samaria? for the Jews have no dealings with the Samaritans. Jesus answered and said unto her, If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water. The woman saith unto him, Sir, thou hast nothing to draw with, and the well is deep: from whence hast thou that living water? Art thou greater than our father Jacob, which gave us the well, and drank thereof himself, and his children, and his cattle? Jesus answered and said unto her, Whosoever drinketh of this water shall thirst again: but whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst; but the water that I shall give him shall be in him a well of water springing up into everlasting life. The woman saith unto him, Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not, neither come hither to draw."

John 8:11, "She said, No man, Lord. And Jesus said unto her, Neither do I condemn thee: go, and sin no more."

He saw the need of the world; He had the anointing for service. He could preach to a congregation of one. He was ready to help the down and out.

Philip was an evangelist. He preached Christ. Acts 8:5, "Then Philip went down to the city of Samaria, and preached Christ unto them."

Peter did the work of an evangelist. In the book of the Acts we have the story of a praying man who was in touch with God. Cornelius' prayers and alms came up before God as memorial. God needed an EVANGELIST, a messenger, someone to tell the great man of His Son Jesus. He did not send an angel. He did not go to the courts of the land and ask for an officer. He did not organize a great society and go in as an arm and leg. No, He recommended a praying man to whom He could talk, a man who knew and was willing to tell the simple story of Jesus. Read Acts 10:34-43.

Paul was an evangelist. Acts 17 gives an account of how God led him to Europe. Through this book, we find him preaching Christ. When in Philippi, his message was, Acts 16:31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." At Thessalonica, Acts 17:3, "Opening and alleging, that Christ must needs have suffered, and risen again from the dead; and that this Jesus, whom I preach unto you, is Christ." In Berea he preached the Word, Acts 17:13. At Athens he preached Jesus and the resurrection. Acts 17:18. When in Corinth, he was "pressed in the spirit, and testified of the Jews that Jesus was Christ," Acts 18:5. To the Ephesians he preached that they should "believe on Jesus," Acts 19:4.

Never have we had such opportunities as we have now. Truly "the harvest is ripe." This war has broken up millions of homes. Thousands of young mothers with little children are casting about looking for something (they know not what) they will go somewhere and do something. Will they go to a real old-fashioned revival meeting and find Jesus, or will the world outstrip the Church and get to them first?

God-given evangelist, there never was more sin in the land, and people were never readier to be helped. The field was never readier for harvest.

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The Need of a REVIVAL

by H. V. FOWLER, Pastor, Baxley, Ga.

The Bible makes definite statements concerning the state of the world in the last days.

The lights are flickering out across the world. Fear has clutched at the hearts of men and women everywhere. What's going to happen? No one knows. Hope has almost disappeared, and the conviction that doom is certain and destruction inevitable sends a shudder through the heart of humanity. Darkness has shut out the light and settled down on a submerged and helpless humanity. No wonder series of terror are heard on every hand as we drift rapidly toward the end. Yes, men's hearts are failing for fear. Luke 17:26, 30, "And as it was in the days of Noe, so shall it be also in the days of the Son of man. They did eat, they drank, they married wives, they were given in marriage, until the day that Noe entered into the ark, and the flood came, and destroyed them all. Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; but the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed!"

Gen. 6:5, 12, 13, "And God saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually. And God looked upon the earth, and, behold, it was corrupt; for all flesh had corrupted his way upon the earth. And God said unto Noah, The end of all flesh is come before me; for the earth is filled with violence through them; and, behold, I will destroy them with the earth."

Today the foundation is gone. People need to be stabilized in the Word of God. Who possesses that truth? The church and its ministry. The church and its ministry must present something that will prove to men there is hope beyond this veil of tears, and that not all will be lost when this

world system goes down, which according to His word is bound to happen.

1 John 2:28 says, "Little children, abide in him; that, when he shall appear, we may have confidence, and not be ashamed before him at his coming." To the natural man, this story of the blessed hope seems impossible, and the entire series of recorded events is rejected by the mass of humanity. The devil succeeded in bringing about the fall of man and his disobedience to God, always seeking to divert to himself that worship which man should give to God, and to Him alone. He has won many skirmishes, but it is the last battle which counts, and God is sure to win. Praise His name! The body of Christ must be completed before the devil is removed to his prison house, and it appears that this portion of God's family is fully made up. The stragglers are being now brought in, and it will not be long before the last name will be recorded in the Lamb's book of life.

Oh that we could have a mighty revival in our great country like they had at Pentecost and in the days of Luther, Wesley, Whitefield, Moody, and Finney. Dare anyone say we don't need it, when crime in our country broke all records in 1947! More people were arrested than in any other year in our history, according to the F.B.I.—734,041 arrests, an increase of 13 per cent over 1946.

There is one divorce to every three marriages. Our crime bill is fifteen billion dollars; some say twenty. Nearly ten billion dollars was spent for liquor last year. This is three times as much as was spent for education and nine times as much as was spent for churches. There are 750,000 chronic alcoholics, compared to 600,000 with tuberculosis and 500,000 with cancer. It is said that there are 3,000,000 excessive drinkers, 60,000 women alcoholics, and 400,000 barmaids in the U.S.A., and twenty-eight gallons of beer and wine are consumed per capita. Three

times as many criminals as college students. Last year, 60,000 churches reported not a single convert. Paul tells us evil men and seducers shall wax worse and worse. We have in this old sin-laden world to day 18,500,000 communists: 6,000,000 in Russia (3 per cent of the total), 2,000,000 in Italy, 1,300,000 in France, 43,000 in the British Isles, and 74,000 in U. S. A. Six thousand communists are in high offices of our country. Don't you think we need a revival? We can have one if we have the passion that Jesus had for a lost and dying world. Moses had that consuming passion when God was about to destroy the people of Israel because of their idolatry. He prayed, "Oh, this people have sinned a great sin, and have made them gods of gold. Yet now, if thou wilt forgive their sin —; and if not, blot me, I pray thee, out of thy book."

John Knox cried out in prayer, "O God, give me Scotland or I die," and God gave him Scotland.

Can we have a revival? Yes, if God's promises are true. Genuine revivals are not worked up. They are sent down. It is the divine life we need. Only the Holy Spirit can meet our hunger. To have a revival is to get acquainted with God. It is to go through the crucial experience of a Christian life—**Gethsemane's anguish of prayer, Calvary's crucifixion of the flesh, Pentecost with its inflow of power for service.** To have a revival is to stand with the weeping sisters of Bethany beside the grave of Lazarus, and see Jesus give life to the dead, as only Jesus can do. Only the glorified Lord can revive His Church and quicken dead souls. And Jesus is willing, yes, anxious to do it. "If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." **GOD WILL LISTEN. GOD WILL FORGIVE. GOD WILL RESTORE.**

Echoes from Lee College . . .



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Lee Memorial Library is one of the many lovely buildings on the Lee College campus. On the main floor are the offices of President Brinsfield; Dean Tapley; Mr. Lacy Powell, registrar; Mr. Duel Free, accountant; and Mr. Cecil Bridges, business manager. The basement floor contains the bookstore, annual room, correspondence department, and the audio-visual aids department. The third floor is the library. In the next few weeks we expect to give you, on this page, pictures of all the leading buildings on the campus. To all of you we extend our thanks for providing such beautiful buildings as these in which we can prepare ourselves to work for God.

Our Boys and Girls . . .

CHURCH OF GOD ORPHANAGE

WILLIAM F. DYCH, Superintendent

Montgomery Avenue

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→ This group picture of boys was taken at our Benton Pike Farm when your present Orphanage Superintendent was manager of this home.

This farm was purchased when Brother Jernigan was General Overseer and Brother Muncy was our Orphanage Superintendent. It is among the best farms of Bradley County. An abundance of water is supplied by three large springs.

The boys can fish and swim to their heart's desire in the large creek that runs through the farm.

We raise garden vegetables, hay, corn, sorghum, and small grain on this farm. There is also a large amount of good pasture land, where we graze some milk cows and about thirty-five head of Herefords. The next time you are in Cleveland, be sure to visit this farm, where a welcome always awaits you.



Robilee Ledford

The following is the testimony of Mrs. Robilee Ledford, one of the matrons at the North Carolina State Orphanage.

I praise the Lord for a salvation which keeps me every day. I'm glad for a determination to live for the Lord, and let my light shine in this dark world. Many people are going back in sin trying to find pleasure in the world, but I praise God because I find all the pleasure I want living for Jesus. The Holy Ghost is my Comforter in every time of need. I believe Jesus is soon coming, and I want to be

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Some Things to Think About

AN BIBLE DISTRIBUTION IN SCHOOLS BY GIDEONS

MARSHALLTOWN, Ia.—Distribution of Bibles in the public schools here has been banned by unanimous vote of the city school board.

In denying a request made by the Gideons to distribute New Testaments, the board declared that although it regarded religious literature as excellent for children, "it is not wise or desirable that the schools be used as an instrument of distribution, lest any minority group of people be discriminated against or offended in any way."—*Protestant Voice*.

created, and one-half the amount received by said church, shall be used by the deacons of said church for the use and benefit of the church, and the other one-half shall be applied by the deacons of said church for missions and other charitable purposes."

WANTED ALL TO TITHE

Rev. Herbert C. Gabhart, pastor, reminded the congregation last Sunday of this deceased deacon's superb recognition of stewardship obligations. The provision has paid thus far \$37,000 to the church and Baptist causes.

BEING DEAD YET, SPEAKETH"

through Tithing and 50-50 Provision in Will. Total of \$37,000 Received Since 1930

WILLIAMSBURG, Ky.—(BP)—When Thomas Breckenridge Mahan died in 1930, he left a sizeable estate. He was president of six coal mining companies and vice president of two others. He also held stock in the Bank of Williamsburg.

But death did not end his influence on earth. Because of his obedience to certain Christian convictions, his fortune will bless the world for the rest of time.

PROVIDED FOR TITHE IN WILL

Mr. Mahan was a deacon of the First Baptist Church of Williamsburg. He was a man keenly conscious of stewardship obligations. He believed that his duties to God in the financial realm extended even beyond his death, as long as his estate should last.

His convictions led him to write a will. He provided for certain investments and the setting up of trust funds from which his survivors would draw an income throughout the years ahead. And he said in those provisions:

"I hereby authorize, empower, and direct my said trustees to pay to the First Baptist Church of Williamsburg, Ky., one-tenth of the annual income derived from the trust funds herein

where and why we disagree, we cannot really advance."

"Men feel," he said, "that the church does not give them real fellowship, and that what they find in the church is less satisfying than what they find in their football team or lodge or club."

"The task of the church is most difficult. It has to provide an overreaching fellowship, to be the place where young and old, rich and poor, educated and uneducated can all feel equally at home. Important is the recovery of something that was central in the life of the early Church, and that all the churches have lost . . . the breaking of bread on the first day of the week."—*Protestant Voice*.

COMMUNISM HAS BECOME NO. 1 RIVAL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCH

BUCK HILL FALLS, Pa.—(RNS)—Marxian Communism has become the "number one rival" of the Christian church in the effort to "win men's minds and hearts," it was stressed in a report presented to the 55th annual meeting here of the Foreign Missions Conference of North America. The report, entitled "Recommendations on Missionary Policy in the Christian Approach to Communism," was drawn up by mission officials and presented to the delegates by Dr. Wynn C. Fairfield, Conference Secretary.

Spread Like Lightning

According to the report, the church must face realistically the fact that "Communism has spread with the speed of lightning because it offers the world's underprivileged masses a great and immediate hope of freedom from their bonds and disabilities and the betterment of their estate."

The report advised missionaries in areas of Communist "penetration" to lower their standards of living because comfort, security, and a high standard of living erect a barrier between missions and the poverty-stricken masses whom they serve.

Missionaries may also have to make other "serious readjustments" in personal living habits and plans, the report added.

"Some men may feel called to foreign marriage in order to serve areas where wives and children cannot go," it stated. "Others may follow Paul's example in making their missionary work possible by a trade or vocation."

CHRISTIAN FIFTH COLUMN URGED THROUGHOUT WORLD

OTTAWA—A "disciplined and orderly Christian faith column inside the world at every point" was urged here by the Rt. Rev. Stephen C. Neill, Assistant Bishop to the Archbishop of Canterbury, and associate general secretary of the World Council of Churches.

He spoke at an ecumenical service sponsored here by the Canadian Council of Churches in conjunction with its annual meeting.

"The purpose of such a fifth column," Bishop Neill declared, "would not be disintegration, as is the purpose of other fifth columns, but the world's salvation. It was said recently that in the places where decisions are made that really affect the lives of men, the voice of the church is not heard. We must make it heard."

"This is work," the bishop emphasized, "which can be done by laymen, although not by any kind of layman."

Answering the question, "Can the churches stop short of full unity in this enterprise?" Bishop Neill said:

"Unity has to be undertaken soberly and with realism. Usually, mutual discovery is followed by the delighted sense that agreements are greater than we had ventured to hope. But, as we draw near to actual unity, the difficulties multiply and seem insuperable. Until we know exactly

Reports **FROM THE FIELD**

NORTH BELMONT, NORTH CAROLINA



Praise the Lord for His bountiful blessings upon the people of the Church of God here.

Our church was organized just fourteen months ago, on November 9, 1947. We have put up a beautiful church worth \$25,000 or more, in a good location, and when it is completed, it will be one of the most beautiful in the State.

We have large, stained glass windows, and an auditorium 40x64 feet, with seating capacity of 400, also six Sunday School rooms. We have installed an automatic oil furnace costing \$1,736.

We have gained sixty-two members in the past fourteen months. We organized with thirty-one members and now have ninety-three. Our Sunday School averaged 147 for January and we are in the 160's for February. Our Sunday School offering this past Sunday was \$212 with no contest on.

I overheard Brother Horton, our district pastor, tell one of his members that the North Belmont Church of God was among the leading churches of North Carolina. We are having a revival service in almost every service.

Recently in one of our services a child seven years old, who had never spoken in her life, was healed and can now say anything she is told to say. We really feel that if a statistical report was made on the progress of the North Carolina Churches of God, our

church would easily be in the lead and we know that it takes the lead among the new churches in the State. For further information write the pastor. —James D. Buchanan, Pastor.

PRAYER CONFERENCE

CONCORD, N. C.—We are glad to report victory for Concord. We have just recently closed a week of prayer conference conducted by Brother Lester Robbins. The Lord surely did anoint His messenger. Brother Robbins did some of the best preaching I've ever heard. The Holy Ghost was here in every service and stirred our pure minds. From this we started really seeking God for His favors and having prayer meeting every morning. This prayer meeting is still going strong, and we are seeing and feeling the effects. Praise God. We love and appreciate our good pastor, Brother A. L. Hewitt, and his family. They have really been a blessing to Concord. Surely he is God's man at God's appointed place. Pray that God will continue to bless us and save the lost.—Mrs. Audrey Wentz.

BUYS SUNDAY SCHOOL BUS

BALDWIN PARK, Calif.—We are realizing gracious success here in every department of the church work, under the fine leadership of our good pastor, Rev. W. E. Combs. Some time ago we put on a special drive to raise money

to purchase a Sunday School bus and one of our very good friends, Mr. P. H. Helms, owner of the Helms Bakery, gave us a donation of \$50, which we appreciated very much. Many others have been liberal in contributing. We have your prayers for continued success here at Baldwin Park.—Frank Woods.

APPRECIATE NEW CHURCH

AUGUSTA, Maine—On January 5, 1949, we held our last service in the rented building where we had been worshipping since March 26, 1944. The Sunday evening service was well attended, and a message was brought by Rev. Paul Nance, of Detroit, on Matthew 5:15.

Rev. Wilmon Smith saw the need for a vision of a Church of God having a place of their own to worship in and asked the L.W.W.B. to raise five hundred dollars for a church lot in twelve months. We did not quite reach that but a building fund was started and accumulated until the L.W.W.B. had enough to buy a lot and get a church started, under the leadership of Rev. Mary Blom, of North Dakota. On April 11, 1947, we paid for the lot on which the building stands. We are holding our first services in this new building. Rev. Paul Nance is our present pastor. He has worked hard to finish the program. The members and friends of the Augusta Church of God take the opportunity to thank the General Overseer, other ministers and evangelists who helped us generously to put the great program over.—Lida B. Reichert, Clerk.

NEW CHURCH GAINING RAPIDLY

FOXWORTH, Miss.—This is a new church, set in order December 7, 1948, with twenty members. By January we had Sunday School, and there were seventy-five present the first time. Last Sunday there were ninety-seven. In July, 1948, Brother Vany Morgan felt that God was calling him to work for Him. He started out from his home having prayer meetings, and the work grew until it seemed all we could do was build a church. It is now finished, and there is no heating system in it, but we are still looking for God to help us on our way. It is a wonderful thing to see children in Y.P.E. and Sunday School who had never known what it was to go to church. The name of our new church is Richland Creek Church of God.

Revivals...

CHILDERSBURG, Ala.—The church of God here was privileged to have the Reverend T. M. Duncan as evangelist in a revival which began January 5 and continued through January 23. The church was greatly revived and blessed, and the Lord was gracious to give us new souls. The visible results were about nine saved, six sanctified, and seven baptized with the Holy Ghost. There was an addition of three to the church. Much sickness was a hindrance but God manifested His power in healing same. The Lord, through Brother Duncan, gave us some wonderful preaching, which was acclaimed outstanding and greatly enjoyed by those who heard it. The church expressed itself in wanting this man of God to stay with us again.—W. H. Dean, Pastor.

GROTTOS, Va.—We have been blessed with a wonderful three weeks' revival, conducted by the Reverend T. M. Burchett, our district overseer. There were two saved, two sanctified, two filled with the Holy Ghost and two added to the church.—Mrs. Martin Varner, Harrison, Va.

MCCORMICK, S. C.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival, with the Reverend Wesley Padgett and wife, of Greenwood, S. C., as the evangelists. There were nine saved, four sanctified, and three filled with the Holy Ghost. Brother Padgett is a wonderful preacher and plays the guitar. The church was blessed wonderfully by their coming, and we extend to them cordial invitation to come again in the near future. If any church wants a good evangelist and a wonderful revival they will be blessed by securing Brother and Sister Wesley Padgett.—E. E. Doolittle, Pastor.

DUNCAN, N. C.—A great revival was held here in January. This work was organized in October, 1948. We were very happy to get Brother Russell Pope as our evangelist. There were thirty-two saved, twenty-five sanctified, eleven filled with the Holy Ghost, and ten added to the church. The Lord heard and answered our prayer in a marvelous way. We also thank God for our good pastor, J. C.

Whittington, and family. Pray for us in Duncan that we will always be in the will of our Lord.—Mrs. P. H. Keel, Reporter.

CARUTHERSVILLE, Mo.—We have just closed a two weeks' revival with our good pastor, Brother C. W. Randolph, doing the preaching. He is a real man of God and we all love him and his sweet wife. They have been a great blessing to us. During the revival there were eight saved, one filled with the Holy Ghost, six added to the church, and the whole church greatly blessed. Pray for us to rise and shine for Jesus.—A Sister.

LOUDON, Tenn.—In the revival at Loudon, in six nights there were ten saved, nine sanctified, nine baptized with the Holy Ghost, and seven added to the church. The evangelists were Brother and Sister Homer Miller, of Cleveland, Tennessee.

EAST GADSDEN, Ala.—God's rich blessings are being received by the East Gadsden Church of God. A relatively new church, it was set in order about fourteen months ago with ten members. We now have ninety-eight members on roll. We have just closed a successful six weeks' revival. During the first four weeks Evangelist Al Ragsdale did the preaching. He and his wife and three boys blessed us with their soul-stirring songs. There were thirty saved, eight sanctified, twelve filled with the Holy Ghost, and twenty added to the church. After Brother Ragsdale left,

Brother R. E. Conner, with the Master's Trio, of Henderson, N. C., stepped in to carry on for two more weeks. The altar was crowded with seekers every night, and on the last night of the revival five were baptized with the Holy Ghost. Numbers were saved and sanctified. About eight received the Holy Ghost and eleven were added to the church. Our good pastor and wife, the Reverend and Mrs. M. A. Bell, are doing a great work here at East Gadsden. We are proud of them and of the church.—Miss Florence Cole, Clerk.

SIX MILE, S. C.—We have been having wonderful meetings at our church for the last four Sunday nights. We have had twenty-three saved, eleven sanctified, and four filled with the Holy Ghost. We give God all the praise for this.—Mrs. Billy Mulkey.

ISABAN, W. Va.—We have just closed a revival conducted by Sister Loneybell Yates and daughter, of Portsmouth, Va. There were thirteen saved, eight sanctified, four baptized with the Holy Ghost, fourteen baptized in water, and twelve added to the church. Sister Yates and her daughter are wonderful workers. We have a nice group of young people, as well as older ones, with whom to work.—E. P. Franklin, Pastor.

PUNTA GORDA, Fla.—We have just recently closed a two and one-half weeks' revival conducted by Evangelist Dollie Pollard, of Tyler, Mo. There were nine saved, two baptized with the Holy Ghost, three baptized in water, and seven added to the church. We surely praise God for sending Sister Dollie our way. The church is moving forward and the saints are greatly encouraged to press on.—Melba Callahan.

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Sanctification and the Baptism of the Holy Ghost

By Myrtle E. Mushegan

I. ARE SANCTIFICATION AND THE BAPTISM THE SAME?

Many people have been taught that the Baptism and sanctification are the same, and it has robbed them of their inheritance. Sanctification and the baptism of the Holy Ghost are not the same. Every sanctified soul is eligible for the gift of the Holy Ghost; but if you hold that the cleansing of your heart was the Baptism, you cannot receive it. God wants us to study His Word as it is, and then it will be wrought out in the heart. There are two works of grace, justification and sanctification.

The Baptism Given Only to Sanctified Souls

The Holy Ghost is the same anointing as that which Jesus received—and He was holy. We must be holy in order to have the Spirit take possession of His temple and abide in us. When our sins are washed away, and we have been sanctified from all carnality by the second, definite work of grace, God pours out on the soul and on the flesh the mighty rivers of the Holy Spirit. Let no souls come and expect the baptism of the Holy Ghost until they have first been cleansed by the blood of Jesus and sanctified wholly.

The Holy Ghost is the oil that prepares us to go into the marriage supper of the Lamb. (Matt. 25:1-10.) God is sending His Spirit to seek out a bride, and He is seeking among the virgins (sanctified souls). After souls are sanctified, God seals them with the Holy Spirit of promise unto the day of redemption. Some persons teach that you can be justified and sanctified by one work of grace, but this is contrary to the Word of God, and is false doctrine. Jesus prayed to the Father for His disciples. "Sanctify them through thy truth; thy word is truth," John 17:7. He did not leave them till they were wholly sanctified, and then commanded them to wait for the promise of the Father.

What Is the Difference Between Sanctification and the Baptism?

Sanctification is holiness and the Baptism is the endowment of power. Sanctification is the emptying or cleansing of the heart, and the Baptism is the filling with the Third Person of the Trinity. Sanctification is a work in the soul, and the Baptism

is the immersion in the Holy Spirit, not only of the soul but also of the flesh. Sanctification is the offering of your body and soul to God for cleansing in the blood, and the Baptism is the Comforter coming in to abide. In sanctification you have the power to praise and magnify Jesus continually; but in the Baptism the Holy Ghost takes possession, magnifies God in new tongues, sings and prays through you Himself and makes you a witness for Christ, endued with power from on high.

In sanctification you have the witness of the Spirit, the breathing of the Holy Ghost upon you, but in the baptism of the Holy Ghost, the power comes down into your inmost being in floods of living water.

II. THE BAPTISM OF THE HOLY GHOST IS THE GIFT OF POWER UPON THE CLEAN, SANCTIFIED LIFE.

It was spoken of by Joel the prophet: "And it shall come to pass afterward, that I will pour out my spirit upon all flesh; and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, your old men shall dream dreams, your young men shall see visions: and also upon the servants and upon the handmaids in those days will I pour out my spirit," Joel 2:28, 29.

John the Baptist prophesied that Jesus would baptize with the Holy Ghost, saying: "I indeed baptize you with water unto repentance: but he that cometh after me is mightier than I, whose shoes I am not worthy to bear: he shall baptize you with the Holy Ghost, and with fire," Matt. 3:11.

Jesus spoke of the Baptism as rivers of living water. "In the last day, that great day of the feast, Jesus stood and cried, saying, If any man thirst, let him come unto me, and drink. He that believeth on me, as the scripture hath said, out of his belly shall flow rivers of living water. (But this spake he of the Spirit, which they that believe on Him should receive: for the Holy Ghost was not yet given; because that Jesus was not yet glorified.)" John 7:37-39.

Jesus called the Holy Ghost baptism the Comforter who abides: "And I will pray the Father, and he shall give you another Comforter, that he may abide with you for ever; even the Spirit of truth; whom the world cannot receive,

because it seeth him not, neither knoweth him: but ye know him; for he dwelleth with you, and shall be in you," John 14:16, 17.

He promised to send the Comforter after He went away, saying: "Nevertheless I tell you the truth; It is expedient for you that I go away: for if I go not away, the Comforter will not come unto you; but if I depart, I will send him unto you," John 16:7.

Among Jesus' departing words were "And, behold, I send the promise of my Father upon you: but tarry ye in the city of Jerusalem, until ye be endued with power from on high."

"And, being assembled together with them, commanded them that they should not depart from Jerusalem, but wait for the promise of the Father, which, saith he, ye have heard of me; for John truly baptized with water, but ye shall be baptized with the Holy Ghost not many days hence," Acts 1:4, 5.

The Holy Ghost baptism is power in witness: "Ye shall receive power, after that the Holy Ghost is come upon you, and ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth," Acts 1:8. (Peter); for Christ wants witnesses empowered for service.

Then we read how eight years later the Lord poured out His Spirit upon the Gentiles. Peter began preaching in the power of the Spirit to a company of Gentiles at the house of Cornelius, and the power fell upon them all. It was like unto the first Pentecost: "While Peter yet spake these words, the Holy Ghost fell on all them which heard the word. And they of the circumcision which believed were astonished, as many as came with Peter, because that on the Gentiles also was poured out the gift of the Holy Ghost. For they heard them speak with tongues, and magnify God," Acts 10:44-46.

Again, we read that the Spirit was poured out at Ephesus, twenty-three years later; and again it was the same as on the day of Pentecost: "And when Paul had laid his hands upon them, the Holy Ghost came on them; and they spake with tongues, and prophesied," Acts 19:6.

In all of these outpourings of the Spirit, the same evidence was mani-

tested—the speaking in tongues. The Holy Ghost gave us these three instances of companies receiving the Holy Ghost, to establish the fact that the Spirit always speaks in tongues through a baptized believer. In this latter rain outpouring of the Spirit, we have heard thousands magnify the Lord in new tongues, and all who have been baptized have spoken in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

THE WORK OF AN EVANGELIST

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and the laborers were never fewer.

There was a time when the evangelist had to walk, hitchhike, and get to his appointment the best way he could. After preaching, he had to walk back home, or stay with anyone who would be kind enough to take him in. Not so now. The Church has grown. Thousands of good, loyal, blood-washed children of God pay their tithes, give mission money and special offerings, until today the cry is no longer for an open door or money, but our cry today is *men and women*. You do not need a large bank account (it's all right if you do have one); you do not have to have a college education (the more you have, the better); you need a tent, trailer house, seats, and P. A. system, (the Church has that, or can get it if it is available).

What you *must* have, if you are to be successful, is a personal knowledge of Jesus as your Saviour. You must have the anointing for service, Luke 1:18; Luke 4:18; 24:49; Acts 2:1-4. You must have a passion for souls. You must have the simple old story of the Saviour of men. You must be willing to preach the good news of the cross, resurrection, and soon coming of the Son of God.

Jesus said, "Go ye . . . preach the gospel . . ." *Men will be saved* if they believe; if not, they will be damned. Paul said, in Rom. 1:16, "For I am ashamed of the gospel of Christ; for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek." Here is a challenge to the preacher who has gone to the high-salary job; the humble, God-fearing man, or woman, who has had the call of God but as yet has not cut loose and stepped out on His promises; to the young people now in Lee College.

What will you do about it? Will you accept the challenge? Don't be afraid. The Church is back of you; God is for you; the Holy Ghost is in you; Christ intercedes for you; the angels will encamp near you to deliver you; heaven awaits you; and "he that goeth forth and weepeth, bearing precious seed, shall doubtless come again with rejoicing, bringing sheaves with him." *Tennessee Tidings*.

CHRIST'S KINGDOM ON EARTH

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Many churches would take it as a great insult, if you called them holiness, for they don't want any taint of holiness about their church. They are ashamed of holiness. They don't think this is the only plan which will enable them to enter into this kingdom of Christ. In this kingdom holiness will be on the horses' bridles, so what are the holiness fighters going to do? I tell you, they are going to keep fighting until Jesus comes on the clouds of glory and destroys them with the brightness of His coming. But before He comes to destroy, the Bible tells us in 2 Thess. 2:11, 12, "And for this cause God shall send them strong delusion, that they should believe a lie: That they all might be damned who believed not the truth, but had pleasure in unrighteousness." The Bible teaches holiness through both the Old and New Testaments, but most people don't believe it and won't have the truth; for this cause God will give them plenty of deceivers. The greatest deceiver will be the antichrist. God is going to give the unbelievers just what they want. This man of sin will make the unbelievers believe that he is God, and will have such power as to cause fire to come down from God out of heaven. Some people may say, "I wouldn't be deceived by him." Yes you will if you are not a true believer in Christ and His doctrine. This antichrist spirit is already in the world and is raging more and more.

OUR BOYS AND GIRLS

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ready to go with Him to see my new home.

The Lord has done many wonderful things for me. I praise Him because He came to our rescue sixteen years ago when I was left a widow with three small children. We didn't have a place to call home, and no way to make a living. I carried my two little boys to the orphanage in Cleveland,

Tenn. I put in an application for work, and left with a heavy heart. A few months later I was employed as a matron in the Boys' Home, and placed my baby girl in the Girls' Home. I enjoyed working there for about eleven years. My children are all grown now, and will never forget the religious training and good care they had while at the orphanage in Cleveland, Tenn.

Three years ago I came to the North Carolina State Orphanage. I'm in charge of the Girls' Home, which has sixteen girls, and enjoy the work very much. The orphanage is home for me, and I feel that James 1:27 included me as well as the children.

I praise the Lord for His healing power. Last fall my whole body broke out with poison ivy. I was so bad my limbs had to be dressed three times a day. I was carried to the hospital, where I stayed for eighteen days. I then came back to the home, but still wasn't able to work. Three weeks later I broke out with eczema, and my entire body was a mass of sores. I didn't want to go back to the hospital again, so I trusted the Lord. One morning the Lord spoke to me and said, "I'll heal you, if you'll trust me." All the dark clouds rolled away and I was so happy. I knew I had heard from heaven. I'll never forget that sweet voice, and I praise the Lord for healing me. I appreciate every prayer which was prayed for me. I also appreciate Brother and Sister Rochester, for they were so good to me. I felt at home the two months that I wasn't able to work.

Pray for us in our work here at the orphanage, for we need the prayers of the Christian people that we might prove to be the blessing the Lord would have us be.—Mrs. Robilee Ledford, Matron of the girls.

A READER WRITES

A hearty amen on your article "Moral Decay of Christian Youth." I've been waiting for a message like this a long time. Would to God that people everywhere might hear and accept the gospel against immorality.—Claymon Knudtson, Lee College.

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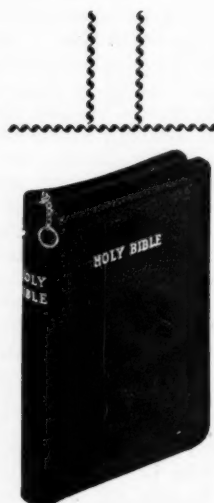
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